

Remarks

The Office action mailed April 18, 2005, has been reviewed and the comments of the examiner carefully considered. Claims 26-51 have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,705,500. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for the reason set forth below.

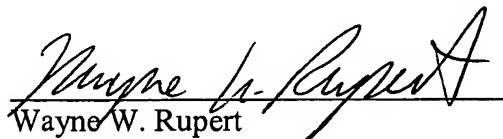
A restriction requirement was made on July 2, 2003, in the parent application (Serial No. 10/121,304) of the present application. Originally filed claims 26-32 were identified as being directed to a separate invention, and were not elected for further prosecution in the parent application. The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 10/121,304 that was filed to pursue claims 26-32. The parent application issued into U.S. Patent No. 6,705,500, which is the patent cited in the Office action as supporting the double patenting rejection. Thus, an obviousness-type double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,705,500 is prohibited under the third sentence of 35 U.S.C. §121 (see MPEP §804.01).

It is submitted that the present application is condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Marcelo is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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